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# From the Boardroom

by Barry Robbins

Our September meeting was quite a success. Mr. Bruce Fries came all the way from Washington, D.C. to speak to us about MP3 Music files. He held the interest of the members. At the end he answered many questions, and I think everyone understood what he was talking about.

In October two of our own Palmia Computer Club members, Beverly and Douglas Glass, will present videos taken at some of our events and show how those videos can be transferred to your computers. They will show us the results of transferring still pictures and films onto your computer and how to create a video show. This should be a very interesting meeting.

In November, Corrine Warinner from Cox will be here to demonstrate cable Internet services and show you how to better enjoy surfing the Internet. Cox has special pricing for Palmia Residents. We will also elect officers for next year. The nominees are the same officers as this year.

In December we will have a short business meeting at 6 p.m., followed by a pizza social. There will be a nominal charge for guests. Be sure to mark your calendar.

The next Basic Computing class starts October 7<sup>th</sup>. The class is full and we have almost 40 people on the waiting list. The next class will start on November 11<sup>th</sup>. We may run concurrent sessions so

that those on the list won't have to wait until 2001 to take this informative class. If you haven't already signed up, put your name on the list in the Computer Club folder at the front desk, or call or send an e-mail to me.

I know many of you are upgrading your computers. If you are going to give your computer to someone or some organization, you should consider reformatting the hard drive. Make sure you have a Startup Disk that includes the drivers for your CD-Rom player. If you have Windows 98, startup disk will include the necessary driver. If you use Windows 95 you need to add the driver to the Startup Disk. Without reformatting your drive, personal data may still be on the drive even though you deleted it.

To create a startup disk, Click the Start button, navigate to Settings, click Control Panel, and Add/Remove Programs. Click the Startup Disk tab and create the disk. The CD player driver can be found in the C:\Windows\Command folder. Right-click on the it, click Send To, click 3 1/2 inch floppy (A) to copy the file .

I need your HELP! I have given up looking for a program chairman, but seek members willing to serve on the program committee. The only thing you need to be a member of the committee is a willingness to help. Please phone me at 699-0572 between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., or e-mail me at <drdisk@fea.net>. I look forward to hearing from you.

# Tired of Spam?

by Don Yenche

In June 1999 Gartner Consulting published a study on the impact of unsolicited commercial e-mail, otherwise known as Spam. In their opening comments, they say: "Unsolicited commercial E-mail (UCE), commonly referred to as Spam, is growing rapidly, finding its way to desktops both in the home and in the office. The impact on ISPs is significant, both from a cost and customer service perspective. Businesses are also being subjected to Spam attacks, with the resultant strain on their infrastructure and productivity.

Spam is commonly compared to paper junk mail. The difference is that third-class mailers pay a fee to distribute their materials, whereas with Spam the recipient or ISP pays. These payments are in the form of additional bandwidth, disk space, server resources, and lost productivity. Furthermore, as more people start using the Internet, if Spam continues to grow at the current rate, the Spam problem may become unmanageable. Customer ire is certain to increase with that onslaught and ISPs will be faced with additional customer service costs as they seek to control the flow of unwelcome E-mail while dealing with unhappy customers.

The full report is available at:

<http://www.brightmail.com/global/pdf/gartner.pdf>.

This article is for those of you who may be receiving unwanted solicitations from people who want to invest your money, introduce you to innovations, visit a new pornographic site, etc. The key word here is "unwanted". If you desired any of this information, you could get it on your own using one of your favorite search engines, e.g., Yahoo or Excite. If you want to eliminate that junk mail, there

is a free program available from Brightmail. Not surprisingly, you can find it at [www.brightmail.com/](http://www.brightmail.com/).

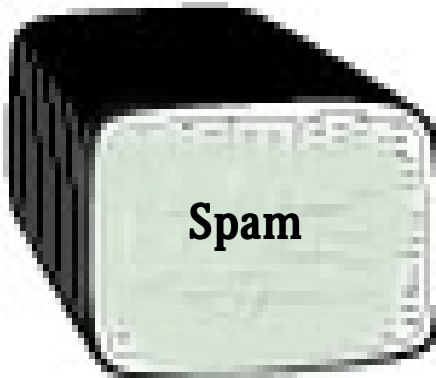
Free Brightmail is a version of the more complete Brightmail Anti-Spam Solution, the product that is offered to ISPs (Internet Service providers), and ASPs (Application Service Providers). Free Brightmail is designed to give home and small business users a way to benefit from our Spam-fighting technology without bearing the costs. When using Free Brightmail your e-mail will travel through Spam filters each time you log on for your mail. The good e-mail is sent on to you, while the

suspected Spam messages are sidelined into your Brightmail Caught Spam box. You can view your Caught Spam at any time, simply by going to their website and logging in to your Brightmail account.

Brightmail filtering is not censorship. Setting up a Brightmail account is voluntary. The program filters out only e-mail messages known to be Spam or unsolicited mass e-mail. In addition,

Brightmail does not immediately delete the Spam it catches. It allows you, the user, to check the Caught Spam at your leisure and eliminate all of them at one time by clicking on the "delete all" button. I do that once a week and feel great when I can dump 200 Spams at once.

When you register for Brightmail at the above address, you get added to their database. They change your incoming e-mail settings so that they can act as a proxy server for your mail. Does this action slow up receipt of my mail? It sure does, but I figure that the slowness is attributable to them stashing away all that Spam. It's easy to register. I have found no problems with it after a month's use. Check it out yourself.



# Create a New Style in Word 97/2000

from Microsoft's Personal Online Support

<http://support.microsoft.com/support/>

Creating and storing a new style in Microsoft Word 2000 or Word 97 offers two benefits: the same quick, convenient way to change the look of text that built-in styles offer, and text formatting that is original and tailored to the work you do.

For example, you might write a year-end report that contains numerous tables. You want the look of the table titles, headings, and text to coordinate with, yet still stand out from the rest of the report.

To achieve this, you can create three new styles that are unique to your report: a table title, table heading, and table text style. Creating these unique styles has several benefits:

- The styles match the look of the rest of the document.
- Once you've created the styles, you can apply them as quickly as you apply built-in styles.
- You ensure that the text is formatted consistently. Sometimes when you manually apply multiple formats to text, it's hard to remember all the different formatting elements the next time you have to apply them. Applying a style ensures that all the formatting elements are the same, every time.

## Other Types of Styles You Can Create

There's a large variety of formatting elements you can include in your new style. For example, you can create heading styles, bulleted and numbered list styles, footnote styles, or caption styles. You can include paragraph attributes in your style such as alignment, line spacing, and paragraph spacing, and character attributes such as font, font effects, and font size.

## Create a New Style

The easiest way to create a new style is to type your text, format it as you want it, and then use the formatted text as the basis for your new style.

### To create a new style

- 1 Format the text you want to use as the basis for your new style.
- 2 Select the text.
- 3 On the Formatting toolbar click inside the Style box.
- 4 Type over the existing style name to create the name for the new style.
- 5 Press ENTER.

The new style is added to the list of styles available in this document, and you can apply it to text the same way you do built-in styles.

## Three Interesting Websites

from Mort Harris

### \*The National Fraud Information Center\*

[www.fraud.org/](http://www.fraud.org/)

Will keep you up-to-date on the latest internet scams.

National Consumers League

### \*All the World's Newspapers\*

[www.webwombat.com.au/intercom/newsprs/index.htm](http://www.webwombat.com.au/intercom/newsprs/index.htm)

Lists alphabetically, by Country, over 5,000 newspapers on the net.



### \*Ditto.com\*

[www.ditto.com](http://www.ditto.com)

A visual search engine. Useful for finding that perfect image on the internet.

# Handy, Hidden Windows 98 Utilities

Compiled by Greg Lenihan

Just before the new year, when W2K concerns were still being hyped, I decided to make the switch from Win95 to Win98 (2nd Edition). Windows 95 still did everything I needed, but I kept reading and hearing about new utilities that were built into the new operating system that looked like good troubleshooting aids. Each of these utilities can be accessed by typing the commands below into the Start ->Run box.

## **System Information: *msinfo32.exe***

You can get there the long way by going to Start ->Programs ->Accessories ->System Tools ->System Information. What you get is information about the hardware and resources used, software components installed as part of Windows, and software currently loaded and running (called the Software Environment). To view any of these areas, click on a plus sign next to the heading shown in outline form. If you look under the Tools menu, you can launch other Win98 utilities, such as the System Configuration Utility, System File Checker, Registry Checker, and Dr. Watson. Want to know how long your system has been running since turned on? Look for the Uptime value in the right panel.

## **System Configuration Utility: *msconfig.exe***

This is a handy utility used to modify many of the settings for Win98. Individual lines can be turned on or off in your config.sys, autoexec.bat, system.ini, or win.ini files. You can use it to turn off the annoying Scandisk function if you are forced to shut off your system, and can turn off any program starting at boot up. The command msconfig.exe is found in the c:\Windows\system directory where you can create an icon for it on your desktop. It's a very handy tool for troubleshooting startup problems.

## **System File Checker: *sfc.exe***

The System File Checker verifies the integrity of your system files in Win98. Running this file will determine if any of your system files have been replaced or corrupted. It will then prompt you to

replace them from your install CD. A nice feature of the utility is that by running it after installing new applications, you can find out what system files that application has installed or changed.

## **Version Conflict Manager: *vcmui.exe***

This utility enables you to revert to newer versions of certain files that are replaced when you install or reinstall Win98. An install of Win98 will overwrite DLLs and other files even if they were newer than those installed by Windows. Launching the Version Conflict Manager will display a list of possibly troublesome files that you may then fix with the click of a button.

## **Dr. Watson: *drwatson.exe***

This tool can provide clues to software-related problems. Typing drwatson into the Run command box won't launch to a main screen or dialog box like the other utilities. Instead an icon will appear in your system tray. Right-clicking on it will display the user interface. To be effective in troubleshooting, Dr. Watson should be running in the background when you are testing problems. That way you can look at log files generated and maybe get some meaningful error messages about what occurred to your system. This may mean loading it at startup so it can try to interpret why a problem or crash occurred.

## **Hardware Diagnostics Tool: *hwinfo.exe /ui***

The Hardware Diagnostic Tool provides the same information as the Microsoft System Information Tool, except it is color coded to display problem areas and potential problems. Bright red displays problems and blue is for potential problems. Open the Run box in the start menu and type it in with the /ui switch. It will not run without the switch.

## **Automatic Skip Driver Agent: *asd.exe***

When a software driver prevents the system from booting properly, this tool can help determine which driver is having problems, and how to fix it. Make sure two consecutive restarts were attempted whereby the same driver doesn't load.

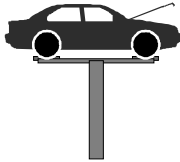
# Simon Sez

by Art Simon

## WHY IS IT SO?

How come we can pull up to a gas pump, insert a credit card - get computer authorization - and get automatic computer metered gas?

But refilling the oil, hydraulic brake, automatic transmission, and window washer fluids is a purely manual set of tasks that requires an appointment at the local garage? To drain the oil or the transmission requires a major lift investment or a crawl under a car on a set of ramps! Can't someone invent an automatic service center for the gas station?

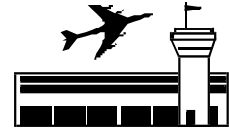


Tire inspection is done by my mechanic after the tire has been demolished. Why can't we drive over a gas station test area and have a computerized video camera analyze the tire unemotionally and warn us to do something ahead of disaster?

Why is it that exact change at unattended toll booths be required? Automatic money change machines have been around for a long time. They build a road at a million dollars per mile and then go economy class at the booth!

We get e-tickets for our flight, which comes from

the most advanced computer reservation system in the world. Then the agent spends at least ten minutes typing the numbers. Did they ever hear of a scanner?



When I go shopping I often cannot find a price scanner, and when an item is mis-marked a clerk has to run back to look for a price check? It should be store policy to list somewhere all mark-downs. If the price is not in the computer system the store manager should be fined.



When I purchase anything these days it usually is by credit card. The waiter or clerk runs the card thru a computer to post the transaction and then asks me to sign the slip. Who verifies that the signature is good? Only in a dispute will a photocopy come back. I would like my thumbprint as a guarantee up front before the posting. It would stop forgery fast. Is this what we call progress in the computer age??



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After typing in the command, a listing of all drivers not loaded should appear along with advice on what to do.

#### **Link Check Wizard: *chklnks.exe***

This wizard is found on the Windows98 install CD in the directory `\Tools\Reskit\Desktop`. It scans all of the shortcut files on your system, and checks to see if the link points to an existing application or document. If the associated application or document is not found, it lists that file as a dead link, giving you the option to remove it. Copy `Chklnks.exe` to your Windows directory and create an icon on your desktop to use it.

#### **IP Configuration Tool: *winipcfg.exe***

This tool provides the current information about your IP address assigned when you connect to your Internet Service Provider. It includes your subnet mask and the gateway your ISP is using. This information can be helpful in connecting your system to other computers on the Internet. IP Config is found in your `c:\Windows` directory.

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# Take a Snapshot of a Dialog Box

By Herbert Sax

Last month (courtesy of Windows Magazine's website) we told you how to create a full-screen capture in Win 95, 98 or NT 4.0: press the Print Screen key (sending a copy of the screen to the Clipboard), open MS Paint (Start, Run, type "mspaint", press Enter), select Edit/Paste to paste

the image from the Clipboard into the Paint window, and save the image (select File/SaveAs to name and save it as a BMP file). You can use another image program instead of Paint.

If you want to create a screen capture of a dialog box, simply hold down the Alt key when you press the Print Screen key, and follow the above instructions. This is a great way to save pictures of error messages, or to send the dialog box to someone.

## Keep an Open Mind to New Ideas

"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons." -Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." -Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

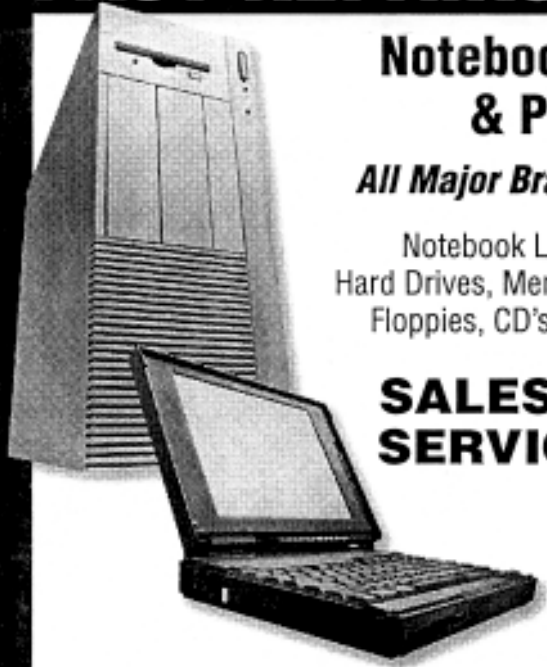
"I have traveled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year." -The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957

"But what is it good for?" -Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM, 1968, commenting on the microchip.

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." -Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

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# MultiRead Spec Brings DVD Rewriteables Closer to Reality

by Ken Fermoye



Recent action by the Optical Storage Technology Association (OSTA) to extend the capabilities of its "MultiRead" optical drive specification will make rewriteable DVD drives more practical. Lack of compatibility between drives from different makers has hampered growth of the technology to date.

All CD- and DVD drives that conform to the new MultiRead2 specification will read 2.6GB DVD-RAM ReWriteable media. Panasonic, a pioneer in DVD-RAM, projects that industry-wide DVD-RAM drive sales will reach 1.5 million units by the end of 2000.

"To protect consumers from compatibility issues and eliminate confusion, OSTA has developed a single standard that ensures media interchangeability of recorded media," explained Dr. Paul Liao, chief technology officer of Matsushita Electric Corporation of America" (Panasonic is MECA's principal brand.) "After completing all necessary testing, OSTA issued MultiRead 2, which validates DVD-RAM. This specification paves the way for DVD-RAM to reach the tremendous potential the DVD Forum envisioned for it."

That means lower prices, and not just for rewriteable DVD drives. CD-RW drives probably will drop, too. I wouldn't be surprised to see CD-RW drives going for about \$150 in time for Christmas, if Panasonic's projections prove to be accurate.

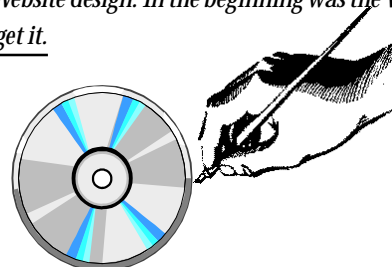
DVD-RAM is the industry's first ReWriteable DVD format, and it provides a number of significant advantages over other removable, ReWriteable storage options. These include:

- A DVD-RAM disc provides a read/write capacity of 5.2GB (about 8 times that of CD-R/RW) on two sides (2.6GB single-side media).

- DVD-RAM media offers extremely inexpensive storage - less than \$.01 per MB.
- Rapid data transfer - 1.385MB/second for DVD-RAM, 2.77 MB/second for DVD-ROM and 20X CD-ROM read speed
- High-speed access - 120ms or better for DVD-RAM; 85ms or better for DVD-ROM and CD-ROM
- Unprecedented media interchangeability - DVD-RAM drives can read discs currently accepted by CD-ROM, CD Audio, CD-R, CD-RW and video CD drives, as well as DVD-ROM, DVD videos and DVD-R drives.
- More than 100,000 write/overwrite cycles
- A technically-proven growth path - next-generation media will provide a single-side capacity of 4.7GB; ultimately, higher capacities will be available

Panasonic began shipping its DVD-RAM drive in April 1998, and was the first company to deliver a DVD-RAM drive fully compliant with the DVD Forum specification. In January, Panasonic announced plans to market its first DVD-RAM-based video recorder, which will offer consumers "exceptional picture quality, multi-disc playback, digital recording and random access when connected to home theater components" the company claims. — A TidByte from Ken's Korner

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# The Mac Column

by Jack Alberts



## Apple Pro Mouse

The following article was taken from the October 2000 issue of Macworld, written by Andrew Gore.

Long-suffering mouse users, rejoice—Apple's round mouse has breathed its last. Born as part of the original iMac's revolutionary design, the round and colorful input device would ultimately become Apple's most maligned product since the Newton - with good reason. Its round shape was difficult to position and too small for adult-size hands, and the device itself was so light that it could easily lose contact with mouse pad.

Apple's second attempt at a designer mouse is a much worthier rodent. While it won't make all Mac users deliriously happy (especially those waiting for an Apple-branded two-button input device), it's a vast improvement over the so-called hockey puck.

## A Shiny New Mouse

The new mouse's design is a far cry from that of the round mouse, with its color-coded side panels that appeared to be attached with Elmer's Glue. Seemingly formed from a block of Lucite, the new mouse looks more like a drop of mercury than an input device. The mouse is also a breakthrough in technological design. Apple will be the first computer vendor to bundle an optical mouse with all

desktop systems. An optical mouse uses a beam of light and an optical sensor to detect movement over a surface - there are no moving parts. This makes the mouse more reliable and much more precise. The new mouse can also operate on almost any solid or opaque surface, including the palm of your hand (but not glass tabletops or mirrors).

From a usability standpoint, the new mouse is nearly flawless. Gliding over most surfaces with the ease of an Olympic skater, it's a vast improvement over any mechanical mouse. The entire top of the mouse is a button, allowing you to click simply by applying pressure with your palm. My only major complaint is that the cable is too short.

## Priced to Go

At \$59 (or free with the purchase of a new desktop Mac), the Apple Pro Mouse is decently priced, although it's a bit more expensive than Microsoft's Intellimouse, an optical device with two buttons and a scrolling wheel. In any event, this new mouse is a solid option for Mac users who are tired of mousing the round.

Editor's Note: This new mouse will not be made for the SCSI cable system, USB only. Not good news for those of us who have older G3s and earlier machines. Adapters are available.



## Keep an Open Mind Continued from page 7

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." - Western Union internal memo, 1876.

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?" -David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s.

"The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C,' the idea must be feasible." - A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. (Smith went on to found Federal Express Corp.)

"640K ought to be enough for anybody." -Bill Gates, 1981

# News from Gibson Research

by Steve Gibson

Ed. Note: Alan Liebschutz has written several articles for our newsletter about security on the internet. One of his sources for information has come from Steve Gibson of Gibson Research. Reprinted here is Steve's July 2000 letter to subscribers. See end of article for how you can become a subscriber (free), and have access to a variety of security programs (both free and at a small cost).

The File Download Utilities from Real Networks, Netscape/AOL, and NetZip \*CAN\* Spy on Us!

Before I tell you about this latest threat to our privacy, I have created two resources for you to use for follow up:

1. A new page on my web site which discusses this threat at greater length and shows the detailed contents of "spyware packets" as they were leaving a test machine of mine:

[<http://grc.com/downloaders.htm>](http://grc.com/downloaders.htm)

2. An active PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM which you are invited to use for asking questions and getting more information. Any standard Internet newsreader can be used to participate in the discussion forums at grc.com.

[<news://grc.com/newsletter>](news://grc.com/newsletter)

If that doesn't work, access the forum at:

[<http://grc.com/newsletter.htm>](http://grc.com/newsletter.htm)

## The SERIOUS New Spyware Threat

NetZip's "Download Demon" was licensed by Real Networks and renamed "Real Download". Netscape/AOL also licensed it and call it "Netscape Smart Download."

By watching the "packet traffic" flowing out of one of my machines while downloading a file through the Internet, I verified that in their default configuration ALL of these programs send back a report of EVERY FILE DOWNLOADED from ANYWHERE on the Internet and, except for Real Download which was modified after a week-long battle with me, these programs tag your computer with a unique ID which accompanies every report.

This information could allow them to compile and create a detailed "profile" about who you are based upon the web sites you visit and the files you have downloaded.

Perhaps you don't mind being watched and tracked as you move around the Internet -- and having every file you download reported. But the idea of this being done WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE seems quite invasive to me. And even if you carefully read the program's license you might not be aware that this is going on or that "you agreed to it" when you accepted their terms!

More than 14 Million people are already using the original NetZip Download Demon. NetZip knows the exact number, since every copy of their program "phones home" to report on what their users are doing! And I'm sure people are downloading Real Network's ReadDownload and Netscape's SmartDownload like crazy.

A Class Action lawsuit was recently filed against Netscape/AOL because of this privacy invasion, so perhaps the PC industry will begin to receive the message that this sort of secret spying and profiling is not okay with the rest of us, even if it is buried within a lengthy license agreement. You decide.

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# Dressing Up a Document

by Herbert Sax

We can all type a letter or a document. We sit at the keyboard and peck away – miraculously words appear on the screen, can be printed on paper, sent as a file by e-mail, or just saved, to be seen at a later date. But if you want to communicate more than bare essentials, you must learn how to use the many enhancement tools available to you. The simple ones are bold-facing, italicizing, underlining, increasing or decreasing font sizes, changing font styles, etc. In this article we will discuss objects and layering.

First, let us create some objects that can be layered.

Open a new Word document and type several lines of text. If the Drawing Toolbar is not visible at the bottom of your screen, click on View + Toolbars, and select Drawing.

Toward the left side of the toolbar you will see a button that says AutoShapes. It will have a small arrow pointing down. Click on that button. A list of various shapes will be displayed. Click on each one to see the large variety of shapes and forms you can insert into your document. Navigate down to Stars and Banners and click on the five-pointed star. Your cursor will now take the shape of cross-hairs. Drag the cursor over the text and a five-pointed star will be created. You will note that it will overlap the text, hiding it, and have eight sizing handles surrounding it. The sizing handles will enable you to change the size and shape of the star.

You have just created two layers, one for the text you typed, and the other for the star you have drawn.

If you work on a document that contains a series of text boxes, graphics, and shapes in addition to text, you're going to need to tell Word how you want the various objects to overlap with one another. Each object in your document will need to be assigned a layer, which will tell Word whether

the object goes in front of or behind other objects.

The four different layers in Word 2000 are, from top to bottom:

- Foreground layer
- Text layer
- Background layer
- Header/Footer layer

The foreground layer is the topmost, and graphics in this layer will cover any underlying objects and text. The text layer resides between the foreground layer and the background layer, and it is reserved for text only. The background layer is beneath the text, and finally, the header/footer layer is the bottommost layer reserved for objects you wish to use as watermarks.

To move an object backward or forward between these layers, first make sure the Drawing toolbar is visible (by right-clicking the Standard toolbar and selecting Drawing); then select the object you wish to move, and finally, select Draw + Order. This can be found in the Draw button on the left side of the toolbar. The ensuing commands allow you to move your object backward, forward, in front of, and behind text.

With the object still selected, you will also be able to wrap the text around the object. In that same Draw button you will find the commands for text-wrapping. Check out each of the options to find the one that best suits your purpose.

If you want to fill the star with a color, click on down arrow next to the Fill Color icon on the Drawing toolbar. If you want to create a shadow effect on the star, click on the Shadow icon found on the right side of the toolbar.

As you can see, you can dress up your document in many ways. Spend some time playing around and discover a world of creativity that even a non-artistic person can conquer.

# Minutes

by Marlene Bergman

Our President, Barry Robbins, brought the meeting to order. He reminded everyone that Computer Club T-shirts are still available at \$10.00 each.

A representative from the Computer-Learning Center in Laguna Niguel asked for volunteers to assist in their program.

Our next class in Basic Computing starts October 7 with an enrollment of 20 students. We have hired a licensed instructor to teach this class. In November we may run two or three concurrent sessions so that all on the waiting list can be accommodated. Don Yenché reminded us that enrollment forms are in our Computer Club folder at the main desk. We now own fourteen computers. When we have twenty computers, we will be able to have instructors from Saddleback College teach at Palmia.

Bill Reinholtz announced that our current officers would be nominated to serve another term. The election will be held at our general meeting in November. Our program will feature Carrine Warinner from Cox@home who will do a cable

demonstration. In December we will have a social and pizza dinner.

Barry noted that we still need a Program Chairperson.

Our Treasurer, Ralph Lazar, gave his Treasurer's Report - hard copy on file.

Barry introduced two of our members, Hal Zeschmann and Herb Sax, who are running for the Master Board.

Our Vice President, Jerry Moore, introduced Bruce Fries who spoke about MP3 music technology and the Internet. He gave a wonderful demonstration of the technology. Barry presented Bruce with a Computer Club T-shirt in appreciation of his visit.

Ernest Maunders won an autographed copy of Bruce Fries' MP3 book. Chris Wiley conducted our 50/50 drawing and Charlie Cambron won \$27.00.

Barry adjourned the meeting.

# Calendar

By Charlie Cambron

Saddleback College  
Saddleback Valley Unified School District  
The second half of the Fall Semester is coming up soon for the College and the School District. They each offer a number of classes that present a great way for new computer users to prepare a solid foundation for exploring the many aspects of the computer world. Review your catalogs from them and select the classes you feel are right for your entry into a new experience. For questions about registration or classes, please call (949) 582-4500 for Saddleback College, or (949) 837-8830 for Saddleback Valley Unified School District.

Computer Super Show will be held Saturday., October 21,2000 at

the Orange County Fairgrounds, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. This show offers a wide variety of hardware and software. Visit their web site at <<http://www.supershowprod.com>>

Computer Fair, Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, 2000 at the Sequoia Conference Center in Buena Park. Take the Beach Blvd. exit off the 91 Freeway. Go one block north to 7530 Orangethorpe. <[www.lacomputerfair.com](http://www.lacomputerfair.com)>

When any club member learns of an event that may be of interest to the other members, please let me know about it and we can spread the word. Tell Charlie at 949-588-6156.

